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Following is roundup of arrangements we would foresee for inspection of incoming vessels.

1. ICRC will operate as agent of the Acting Secretary General.

2. Neutral vessels will be chartered directly by the UN, and ICRC inspectors will operate from them.

3. Incoming vessels to be inspected are "all ships of whatever flag embarked from Bloc ports" (DEPTEL 1147). Soviets should arrange to instruct Masters of all USSR and other Soviet Bloc vessels to come through designated "slots" for inspection by ICRC.

4. For non-Bloc vessels embarking from Bloc ports, we envisage procedure as follows:

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a. UN and we can readily accept ICRC's insistence that they will inspect only vessels of nations which have voluntarily agreed to be inspected.

b. UN SYG should send message through diplomatic channels to each member of UN and Specialized Agencies, drawing attention to fact that a UN peace-and-security operation is being established in the Caribbean to help settle Cuba crisis, in agreement with parties to a dangerous conflict, and urge cooperation of their flag vessels by coming through designated "slots" for inspection of cargoes emanating from Bloc ports. (While ships of only relatively few non-Bloc nations will in practice be involved during next few weeks, it would be less invidious for SYG to send this message to all members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies. US can then assist in following up with those nations -- UK, Scandinavians, Lebanon, Greece, Panama, etc. -- most likely to be involved.)

c. This same SYG message will specify nature of proscribed cargoes, using definitions of offensive weapons in DEPTEL 1147.

d. U.S. can make it clear to non-Bloc governments that alternative to acceptance of ICRC inspection will be inspection by U.S. Navy under quarantine proclamation, which will still be in effect.

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5. During period of ICRC inspection, we will suspend enforcement of quarantine for all ships embarked from Bloc ports that are passing through designated "slots" for ICRC inspection. U.S. Navy quarantine ships will remain on station, ready to catch any vessels from Bloc ports attempting to escape inspection.

6. These arrangements will continue until full verification of dismantling and removal of offensive weapons systems from Cuba and establishment of suitable safeguards to halt the further introduction of such weapons systems in Cuba.

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